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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LOWERING UNC PROFILE AND KOREAN QUESTION AT UN

REF: (A) CINCUNC 182339Z JUNE 75; (B) SEOUL 4189

1. APPRECIATE CONSIDERATIONS EXPRESSED REFTELS.

2. OUR BASIC PURPOSE AT UPCOMING UNGA IS TO AVOID A
DEFEAT ON QUESTION OF UNC AND US FORCE PRESENCE. AS
ADDRESSEES AWARE, ROKG VIEWS THIS OBJECTIVE OF SUCH
CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE IT WILLING TO CONSIDER AS FINAL OPTION
UNILATERAL TERMINATION OF UNC.

3. IT IS OUR ASSESSMENT THAT WE WILL HAVE EXTREMELY

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DIFFICULT TIME IN NEW YORK ON THE KOREAN QUESTION, EVEN

WITH OUR CURRENT STRATEGY. AS A CONSEQUENCE, BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE UNGA VOTING SITUATION, WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO DEMONSTRATE SINCERITY OF OUR PROPOSAL ON CONDITIONAL JANUARY 1 UNC TERMINATION BY COUPLING IT WITH SOME CLEAR GESTURE IN REDUCING THE UNC PROFILE.

4. MEASURES OUTLINED IN REF B APPEAR MINIMUM WHICH WE COULD CONSIDER TO MEET OUR NEEDS IN NEW YORK. IT MAY WELL BE THAT WE WOULD ALSO HAVE TO CONSIDER FURTHER

REDUCTIONS IN UNC PROFILE TO INCLUDE LIMITING OF FLAG SOLELY TO THE UNC HEADQUARTERS AND PANMUNJOM OPERATION AS WELL AS REVIEW NEED FOR HONOR GUARD CONTINGENT. AS FIRST STEP WE CONTEMPLATE THAT FLAG WOULD NOT BE USED BY US UNITS WHICH ARE NOT UNDER UN COMMAND. OUR USE OF FLAG IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES IS SIMPLY NOT EXPLICABLE IN PRESENT UNGA CONTEXT. WE WOULD ALSO ENVISAGE EMPHASIZING THAT OUR TROOP PRESENCE IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR BI-LATERAL MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY, AS MEANS TO HIGHLIGHT THAT US FORCE PRESENCE IS NOT CONNECTED WITH UNC. THIS IS DESIRABLE EMPHASIS FOR IMMEDIATE TACTICAL REASONS IN EVENT WE LOSE IN NEW YORK, BUT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO CREATE BEST CONTEXT FOR ANY POSSIBLE EVENTUAL TRANSFORMATION OF COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS.

5. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE WILL INEVITABLY BE PUBLICITY ATTENDENT TO PROFILE LOWERING, OUR INTENT WILL ALREADY HAVE BEEN WELL PUBLICIZED THROUGH UNSC LETTER AND WE WOULD EXPLAIN IT IN THAT CONTEXT.

6. CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH LETTER TO UNSC AS ALREADY AGREED TO BY ROKG, INCLUDING REFERENCE TO REDUCING MANIFESTATION OF UN COMMAND, INCLUDING USE OF THE FLAG.

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